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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1734**

**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Tetsuya KUROSAWA ) Group Art Unit: 1734  
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Application No.: 10/665,206 ) Examiner: Osele, Mark A.  
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Filed: September 22, 2003 )  
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS )  
OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 15, 2005, the period for response to which extends through May 16, 2005 (May 15th being a Sunday), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are made in the attached replacement sheets and are discussed in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Attachment to this Amendment:** three (3) sheets of drawings, each labeled "Replacement Sheet," containing amended FIGS. 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 19, and 20.